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SUBJ: POLADS DISCUSSION OF EUROPEAN CP CONFERENCE (ECPC)

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1. AT OCTOBER 7 NATO POLADS MEETING, BELGIAN REP (BOUCKAERT) SAID HE HAD A REPORT THAT POLISH PARTY FIRST SECRETARY GIEREK HAD RECENTLY SAID IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO HOLD A WORLD CONFERENCE OF COMMUNIST PARTIES WITHOUT NECESSARILY HAVING A EUROPEAN CP CONFERENCE BEFOREHAND. FRG REP (CITRON) NOTED THAT THE ITALIAN CP PRESENTLY OPPOSES THE CONVENING OF A WORLD CP CONFERENCE, A VIEW ECHOED BY ITALIAN REP FERRETTI.

2. NOTING THAT HE HAD NO CONFIRMATION OF THE BELGIAN REPORT ABOUT GIEREK'S VIEWS, FRENCH REP (BEAUCHATAUD) SAID HIS
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GOVERNMENT HAD HEARD FROM AN EAST EUROPEAN SOURCE THAT THERE HAD BEEN PROGRESS IN PREPARATIONS FOR AN ECPC AND THAT SUCH A CONFERENCE MIGHT PRODUCE A BRIEF COMMUNIQUE

WHICH WOULD AVOID DETAILS ON CONTENTIOUS ISSUES. ACCORDING TO THE SAME EAST EUROPEAN SOURCE, THE FRENCH REP ADDED, THE PREPARATORY MEETING MIGHT TAKE PLACE IN NOVEMBER WITH THE ECPC POSSIBLY BEING CONVENED IN DECEMBER. THE NETHERLANDS REP (HORAK) HAD A REPORT FROM A YUGOSLAV SOURCE THAT THE PREPARATORY MEETING MIGHT BE HELD IN NOVEMBER.

3. US REP DREW ON REFTEL (EXCEPT NOFORN PARAS 9, 10 AND 13) IN OUTLINING THESIS OF A MORE MILITANT SOVIET POSTURE TOWARD THE WEST EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTIES. UK REP (SINTON) SAID HIS AUTHORITIES AGREE WITH THIS US VIEW AND DOUBT THAT AN ECPC WILL BE HELD THIS YEAR. STREATOR

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